

be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

U.S. REFUGEE ADMISSIONS PROGRAM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, and Border Safety concluded a hearing to examine the need to bolster the United States Refugee Admissions Program, after receiving testimony from Brigadier General Christopher M. Burns, USA (Ret.), Department of Defense; William Canny, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C.; and Dauda Sesay, Refugee Congress, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Dilawar Syed, of California, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine

the Small Business Administration and the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2024, after receiving testimony from Isabella Casillas Guzman, Administrator, Small Business Administration.

RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION FOR THE VA WORKFORCE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine strengthening methods of recruitment and retention for the VA's workforce, after receiving testimony from Tracey Therit, Office of Human Resources and Administration, Operations, Security and Preparedness, and Jessica Bonjorni, Chief, Human Capital Management, Veterans Health Administration, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 43 public bills, H.R. 1690–1732; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 242–245, were introduced. **Pages H1325–27**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1329–30**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 241, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5) to ensure the rights of parents are honored and protected in the Nation's public schools (H. Rept. 118–12). **Page H1325**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Molinaro to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1303**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:37 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H1307**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:12 p.m. and reconvened at 5 p.m. **Page H1309**

Recess: The House recessed at 6:02 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H1316**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Directing the Secretary of State to submit to Congress a report on implementation of the advanced capabilities pillar of the trilateral security partnership between Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States: H.R. 1093, to direct the Secretary of State to submit to Congress a report on implementation of the advanced capabilities pillar of the trilateral security partnership between Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 393 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 144; and **Pages H1309–11, H1316–17**

Amending the Taiwan Assurance Act of 2020 to require periodic reviews and updated reports relating to the Department of State's Taiwan Guidelines H.R. 1159, to amend the Taiwan Assurance Act of 2020 to require periodic reviews and updated reports relating to the Department of State's Taiwan Guidelines, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 404 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 145. **Pages H1311–13, H1317**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Providing Appropriate Recognition and Treatment Needed to Enhance Relations with ASEAN

Act: H.R. 406, to provide for the treatment of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations as an international organization for purposes of the International Organizations Immunities Act; and

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Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust: H. Con. Res. 25, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

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Senate Referral: S. 30 was held at the desk.

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1307.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1316–17 and H1317.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Committee Meetings

THE ORTEGA-MURILLO REGIME'S WAR AGAINST THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND CIVIL SOCIETY IN NICARAGUA: BISHOP ALVAREZ, POLITICAL PRISONERS, AND PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations; and Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere held a joint hearing entitled “The Ortega-Murillo Regime’s War Against the Catholic Church and Civil Society in Nicaragua: Bishop Alvarez, Political Prisoners, and Prisoners of Conscience”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PARENTS BILL OF RIGHTS ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 5, the “Parents Bill of Rights Act”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 9–3, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5, the Parents Bill of Rights Act under a structured rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–2 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute to H.R. 5 made in order as original text. The rule further makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed

in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against the amendments are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Foxx, and Representatives Scott of Virginia, McCormick, Self, Frost, and Landsman.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D49)

H.J. Res. 26, disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Revised Criminal Code Act of 2022. Signed on March 20, 2023. (Public Law 118–1).

S. 619, to require the Director of National Intelligence to declassify information relating to the origin of COVID–19. Signed on March 20, 2023. (Public Law 118–2).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the posture of United States Northern Command and United States Southern Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2024 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC–217, 9:30 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine enhancing consumer protections and connectivity in air transportation, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider subcommittee assignments for the 118th Congress; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the steps needed to address the cybersecurity vulnerabilities in the United States’ energy infrastructure, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine the President’s 2023 trade policy agenda, 10 a.m., SD–215.